

Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 18, 2006.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 13-15 are allowable and that Claims 2, 7-9 and 11 contain allowable subject matter.

With regard to the non-art objections and rejections, applicant has made a good-faith effort in correcting those matters identified by the Examiner.

Claims 16-19 and 21-23 were rejected as anticipated by Baihle USP 2,561,487. In regard to the Examiner taking official notice of soldering techniques, this was applied to Claims 19-22, see page 9 of the Office Action dated June 15, 2005; these claims have been canceled.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected as being anticipated by Wier USP 5,897,140 .

Claims 27 and 28 rejected as being anticipated by Wier USP 6,095,615.

In general the prior art does not teach the features of the present invention which utilizes a solder dipped or coated wire cable for the purpose of improving performance of a pretensioner (also known as a belt [seat belt] tightener).

The prior art shows the concept of coating a wire strand and its individual wires with a plastic to lubricate the individual wires. Alternatively a metal sleeve is slid upon the wire strand to stiffen the strand/cable/wire. In the present invention solder is used to fuse the individual wires. The application of the solder also covers the individual wire about the periphery of the strand. Solder is a fusible metal or metal alloy and differs from the prior art in that when hardened (and at other times) does not lubricate the wires and is not a covering slipped over the wire strand. It is respectfully urged, there is no motivation in the prior art to use solder to achieve the present invention. For the above reasons it urged the invention in the rejected claims is patentable over the prior art. The Examiner is encouraged to call applicant's attorney at the number below as needed.

In view of the aforementioned, it is respectfully urged that the present application be reconsidered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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